

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Public Hearing Minutes, November 14, 2005, Ramkota River Centre, Pierre, SD

The South Dakota Board of Education convened at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, November 14, 2005, at the Ramkota River Centre in Pierre, South Dakota for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on section 24:10:42:28 Formula for funding.

Board Members

Glenna Fouberg, President; Kelly Duncan, Vice President; Jack Broome; Richard Gowen, Marilyn Hoyt, Jan Nicolay, Roger Porch, and Clint Waara were present. Barbara Everist was absent.

Department of Education Staff Present

- Rick Melmer, Secretary, Office of the Secretary
- Deb Barnett, Deputy Secretary, Office of the Secretary
- Melissa Flor, Special Education Program Specialist, Office of Educational Services & Support
- Gerald Gramm, Education Program Specialist, Office of Career & Technical Education
- Pam Hoepfer, Secretary, Office of Accreditation & Teacher Quality
- Nicole Kranzler, Executive Assistant, South Dakota Board of Education
- Wade Pogany, Director, Office of Curriculum and Instruction
- Janet Ricketts, Director, Office of Educational Services & Support
- Melody Schopp, Director, Office of Accreditation & Teacher Quality
- Gary Skoglund, NAEP/DACS Coordinator, Office of Curriculum, Technology & Assessment
- Linda Turner, Special Education Program Specialist, Office of Educational Services & Support
- Carol Uecker, Program Representative, Office of Accreditation & Teacher Quality
- Stephanie Weideman, Director, Office of Curriculum, Technology & Assessment

Others Present

Approximately 25 additional individuals attended all or part of the meeting. A list of those who signed the meeting register is filed in the board secretary's office.

AGENDA ITEM 12.0 – PUBLIC HEARING – SECTION 24:10:42:28 FORMULA FOR FUNDING

Fouberg read the opening statement.

Richter explained that the proposed rule amendments would change the funding formula to a full time equivalent (FTE) formula, which would allow allocated funds to be more appropriately distributed.

Nicolay voiced concern about the removal of the requirement that the number of program completers be included in the funding formula calculations. She felt that without that requirement, teachers might not feel the need to work as hard to ensure that their students complete their programs.

Richter noted that there would be a shift in funding among the four technical institutes; some of the institutes would see a drop in funding through the funding formula. He added that the four schools would work together to determine the best way to make up the difference of the lost funds.

Melmer noted that the funding formula was a distribution formula and that the proposed changes would adjust only the way in which the money currently received would be distributed.

Williams addressed Nicolay's concern, stating that after looking at other possibilities, the four technical institutes determined that the proposed formula was the most appropriate. He added that the four institutes' primary concern was ensuring the quality of their program completers. Gross further explained the four institutes' reasons for proposing the amendments to the funding formula.

Motion: Motion by Broome and second by Duncan to adopt section 24:10:42:28 Formula for funding.

Conclusion: The motion carried.

I, Rick Melmer, Executive Officer of the South Dakota Board of Education, declare the foregoing to be a complete and true record of the public hearing of the South Dakota Board of Education held on November 14, 2005.

Rick Melmer